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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure toward the Patent Office, the Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references noted on the attached Form PTO-1449. The references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed January 27, 2000. Enclosed for the Examiner's information are copies of the references and the International Search Report.

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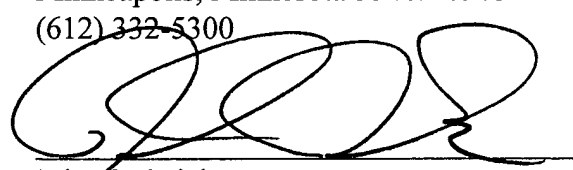
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Respectfully submitted,

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